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Comments:

I am writing to comment on the aspects of the forest plan that relate to bison (buffalo) management. I believe that the forest service should support the presence of bison where ever suitable habitat is found because bison provide significant ecological and recreational value.

I support the following alternatives, as described in the forest plan:

Alternative D: Bison are present year round with sufficient numbers and adequate distribution to provide a self-sustaining population on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Alternatives B, C and D: To promote bison expansion within management zones, vegetation treatment projects and management actions taken to resolve bison-livestock conflicts should favor bison within these zones.

Alternative D: To facilitate bison expansion into unoccupied, suitable habitat, management actions should not impede bison movement.